



**AIR FORCE SPECIAL OPERATIONS  
COMMAND**

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**1. Mission.** Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) prepares assigned or attached forces to apply specialized airpower under combatant commanders. AFSOC prepares forces to conduct independent, joint, or combined operations in support of Aviation Foreign Internal Defense, Force Application, Joint Air/SOF Battlefield Interface, Mobility of Forces in Denied Territory, and Psychological Operations mission areas. AFSOC provides force application and force enhancement in conducting direct action (DA), unconventional warfare (UW), special reconnaissance (SR), foreign internal defense (FID), counter-proliferation (CP), and counter-terrorism (CT) missions. AFSOC's mission training also prepares Air Force Special Operations Forces (AFSOF) for many collateral activities such as humanitarian assistance, counter-narcotics, and personnel recovery operations. This organization is a Major Command of the US Air Force.

**2. Command.** The AFSOC Commander:

- 2.1. Is responsible to the Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force for administration.
- 2.2. Commands the Air Force forces of USSOCOM.
- 2.3. Upon mobilization, exercises operational control of US Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard special operations forces until transferred to a theater commander.
- 2.4. Exercises operational control over all CONUS-based AFSOF (except as otherwise directed in JCS Plans).
- 2.5. Has administrative control over all overseas-based AFSOF.

**3. Responsibilities.** AFSOC Commander:

- 3.1. Provides air component commanders and AFSOF in support of USSOCOM.
- 3.2. Ensures US Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard special operations forces are interoperable and operationally ready.

- 3.3. Develops and tests special operations concepts, doctrine, plans, and tactics.
- 3.4. As directed, plans, conducts, controls, and coordinates air operations for CINCSOC.
- 3.5. Standardizes procedures, equipment, organization and training for all Combat Control Forces, except those assigned in AETC, and ensures a combat ready force to support world-wide joint operations and Air Force airlift.

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